

My name is Katherine Cremins and I am a concerned citizen from Fairfield, CT.

I am writing you to ask for your support of **Raised Senate Bill 354**, a bill that will create a music therapy license in Connecticut . This bill is important because it will allow Connecticut citizens to more easily access music therapy services, and it will protect the public by ensuring that these services are provided by trained and qualified practitioners.

Please note that my support of licensure for music therapy is dependent on some language changes which have been submitted as written testimony by Jennifer Sokira on behalf of the CT Task Force. These changes ensure that the license is reflective of current board certification requirements in music therapy and is not limiting to the practices of Board Certified Music Therapists currently in CT.

As an Occupational Therapist, I have had the pleasure of working closely with many Music Therapists during my 18 year career. I have seen firsthand the positive impact that Music Therapy has had on many individuals with various developmental disabilities. The quality of care provided in the area of Music Therapy is deserving of systems similar to other therapeutic disciplines, which will ensure a high level of standards for professionals providing the service and those seeking music therapy intervention.

For these reasons, I ask that you please vote "yes" on **Raised Senate Bill 354!**

Sincerely,

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